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STEEL MILLS PRODUCING COKE;  
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AN-SHAN COKE OVEN FIRED -- Ta Kung Pao, 3 Jul 49

Shen-yang, 7 July 1949 -- On 13 June 1949, coke oven No 1, an Ro-t'o Chinese transliteration of a foreign name/ model, of the An-shan Steel Mill, produced its first supplies of coke. This represents the first formal resumption of coke production by new-style coke ovens since the liberation of the Northeast. The date of operation was 18 days earlier than originally planned.

Output of the first day exceeded planned output by 9 percent and the third day by 60 percent. The quality of coke was good, containing only 12.79 ash. With the coke factory in operation, the blast furnace which has been repaired may be fired and will begin supplying pig iron to the refining and machinery sections. The by-products plant may also resume operation for the production of various chemical and medicinal substances.

SHIH-CHING-SHAN STEEL MILL RESUMES OPERATION -- Ta Kung Pao, 8 Jul 49

Pei-ping, ECMA, 7 July 1949 -- On 1 and 2 July 1949, opening ceremonies of the reconstructed Shih-ching-shan Steel Mill in Hopei were held, with Chu Te, Vice-Chairman Lan Kung-wu of the North China People's Government, and about 1,500 workers and officials attending.

This mill is divided into a blast-furnace plant, coke-oven plant, power plant, casting plant, and machinery repair shop. There are 50 coking compartments now being operated. The monthly coke output is 10 percent more than that produced by the Nationalists, and 20 percent more than the Japanese. Repair work on the 250-ton No 1 iron-refining furnace has been completed, and the 380-ton No 2 furnace is now undergoing repairs.

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TOBACCO WORKERS VOLUNTARILY CUT WAGES -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Jul 49

Shang-hai, 22 July 1949 -- To relieve the financial difficulties of the management, the workers of the Ta-tung (Great East) Tobacco Factory in Shang-hai have called a meeting and decided to propose a voluntary reduction of their wages.

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